

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 9, 16, 28, 32, 36 and 45-48 are being amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Telephonic Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants by the Examiner during Examiner's telephonic interview with Applicant's representative, which took place on January 23, 2008. During the aforesaid interview, the parties discussed the foregoing amendments. The Examiner has indicated that the proposed amendments of independent claims overcome the standing claim rejections.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 45-48 because of certain informalities. In response, Applicants make appropriate corrections to the rejected claims, which are believed to be fully responsive to Examiner's objections.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 9, 16, 28, 32 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner states that specification fails to describe that "the media presentation environment representation indicates a positional arrangement of the plurality of media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment." In response, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the following argument.

Specifically, Applicants call the Examiner's attention to the disclosure contained in paragraph [0067] of the specification, which particularly describes "the media presentation environment representation portion 64" illustrated in Figure 3 as indicating the number and/or

the location and/or the presence or absence of any given type of media presentation device. In addition, Applicants call the Examiner's attention to Figures 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the disclosure clearly illustrating the media presentation environment representation portion depicting the positional arrangement of multiple media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment. Thus, the limitation "the media presentation environment representation indicates a positional arrangement of the plurality of media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment" is clearly supported at least by the aforesaid portions of the specification and, therefore, claims 1, 4, 9, 16, 28, 32 and 36 fully comply with written description requirement. For this reason, these claims are allowable.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103 - Claims 1-3, 44 and 50

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 44 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Deutscher et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0001106A1) in view of Moran et al. (U.S. patent No. 5,717,879). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of Applicants' amendments to independent claim 1 and further in view of the following arguments.

In more detail, with respect to claim 1, the Examiner reads the claimed hot-spots associated with media presentation devices on the icons of Deutscher et al. The Examiner states that icons are used in Deutscher et al. to perform various operations on presentation file, such as opening the file and saving the file. In this regard, Applicants respectfully note that all icons in Deutscher et al. are associated with only one device – a computer storage drive, which stores the presentation, see Deutscher et al., paragraph 0095. To differentiate the claimed hot spots from icons of Deutscher et al., claim 1 has been amended to recite a feature of the invention, wherein each of the hot-spots is associated with a particular media presentation device of a plurality of

media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment where the media presentation is to be presented to one or more persons. As the Examiner would appreciate, the hard drive of Deutscher et al. is not a device of the real-life media presentation environment where the media presentation is to be presented to one or more persons, and, therefore, it does not meet this limitation. The second applied reference, Moran et al., also does not teach or suggest the claimed hot-spots associated with a particular media presentation device of a plurality of media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment where the media presentation is to be presented to one or more persons. The only device shown in Figure 14 of Moran et al., cited by the Examiner is a note taking device 1406-1408. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the note taking device is an input device used by a meeting participant to take notes and, therefore, it does not meet the definition of hotspot cited by the Examiner himself at page 4, second paragraph of the Office Action. Specifically, the definition of the hotspot cited by the Examiner requires the device to be an output device. For this reason, neither Deutscher et al. nor Moran et al. nor any combination thereof teach or suggest the claimed feature of the invention, recited in the amended claim 1, wherein each of the hot-spots is associated with a particular media presentation device of a plurality of media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment where the media presentation is to be presented to one or more persons. Therefore, the amended claim 1 is patentable over Deutscher et al., Moran et al. or any combination thereof.

Additionally, Applicants amended claim 1 of the instant application to recite a feature of the invention, wherein at least one of the plurality of media presentation devices is selectable by a user by means of at least one of the multiple hot-spots and wherein the media presentation environment representation is operable to generate a preview of at least a portion of the media

presentation based, at least in part, on selection of the least one of the plurality of media presentation devices by the user. The support for the foregoing amendment may be found, for example, in paragraphs 0058-0060 of the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the newly added limitation is not taught or suggested by Deutscher et al., Moran et al. or any combination thereof.

In particular, none of the cited references, taken singly, or in combination, teaches or suggests selecting a media presentation device in the real-life media presentation environment where the media presentation is to be presented to one or more persons and generating a preview of at least a portion of the media presentation based, at least in part, on such selection. While Deutscher et al. teaches selecting a presentation file, such file is not a media presentation device in the real-life media presentation environment. Moreover, Deutscher et al. does not teach generating a preview of at least a portion of the media presentation based, at least in part, on the selection of a media presentation device in the real-life media presentation environment.

While Moran et al. shows note taking devices 1406-1408 in its Figure 14, as stated above, these devices are not the claimed media presentation device. In addition, Moran et al. fails to teach or suggest that any shown device is selectable by the user and that the system of Moran et al. is operable to generate a preview of at least a portion of the media presentation based, at least in part, on selection of the least one of the plurality of media presentation devices by the user. Moreover, Moran et al. teaches re-play of a conference and not the claimed preview of the presentation. As the Examiner would appreciate, re-play of a conference and preview of a media presentation are radically different concepts. Therefore, neither Deutscher et al. nor Moran et al. nor any combination thereof teaches or suggest the claimed feature of the invention, wherein at least one of the plurality of media presentation devices is selectable by a user by means of at

least one of the multiple hot-spots and wherein the media presentation environment representation is operable to generate a preview of at least a portion of the media presentation based, at least in part, on selection of the least one of the plurality of media presentation devices by the user. This provides an additional reason for patentability of claim 1.

Finally, while Figure 14 of Moran et al. shows some positional orientation of the note devices 1406-1408, Moran et al. never states that the positional arrangement illustrated in Figure 14 indicates a positional arrangement of the plurality of media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment. Moran et al. contains no teaching to this effect what so ever. Without such teaching, the Examiner's rejection does not have a proper support in the reference and, therefore, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, neither Deutscher et al. nor Moran et al. nor any combination thereof teaches or suggest the claimed media presentation environment representation indicating a positional arrangement of the plurality of media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment. This provides yet additional reason for patentability of claim 1 over Deutscher et al. and Moran et al. Thus, for all the foregoing reasons, claim 1 is patentable.

With respect to the rejection of dependent claims 2-3, 44 and 50, while continuing to traverse the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of Deutscher et al. and Moran et al., used by the Examiner in rejecting these claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of these claims are rendered moot by the present amendments of the parent claim 1 and that all these claims are patentable by definition, by virtue of their dependence upon the patentable independent claim 1.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103 – Claim 39

The Examiner has rejected Claim 39 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Deutscher et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0001106A1) in view of Moran et al. (U.S. patent No. 5,717,879) and further in view of Land et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0039934A1). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of Applicants' amendments to independent claim 1 and further in view of the following arguments.

With respect to the rejection of dependent claim 39, while continuing to traverse the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of Deutscher et al. and Moran et al., used by the Examiner in rejecting of this claim, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of this claim is rendered moot by the present amendments of the parent claim 1 and that this claims is patentable by definition, by virtue of its dependence upon the patentable independent claim 1.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103 – Claims 16-24, 27 and 47

The Examiner has rejected Claims 16-24, 27 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Deutscher et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0001106A1) in view of Moran et al. (U.S. patent No. 5,717,879), Howell (U.S. patent No. 5,767,897) and further in view of MacKay (U.S. patent No. 5,767,897). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of Applicants' amendments to independent claim 16 and further in view of the following arguments.

Specifically, independent claim 16 has been amended to recite (1) multiple hot-spots associated with a physical device of a plurality of physical devices in the real-life media presentation environment and (2) previewing the presentation is based, at least in part, on selection of the physical device. In addition, claim 16 recites (3) the media presentation environment representation indicating a positional arrangement of the plurality of physical

devices in the real-life media presentation environment. Applicants respectfully submit that the newly recited features of the invention are not taught or suggested by Deutscher et al., Howell and/or MacKay, or any combination thereof.

In more detail, as stated above with respect to claim 1, Deutscher et al. and Moran et al. fail to teach or suggest either (1), (2) or (3). The remaining two cited references fail to remedy the aforesaid deficiencies of Deutscher et al. Howell teaches not a presentation authoring system, but a video conferencing system, see Howell, Abstract. Therefore, Howell does not teach or suggest (2) preview of the presentation, much less previewing the presentation is based, at least in part, on selection of the physical device. In addition, in Howell, there is no (3) indication of the positional arrangement of the plurality of physical devices in the real-life media presentation environment. The last applied reference, MacKay, fails to teach any of the (1), (2) or (3). For this reason, the combination of Deutscher et al. Moran et al., Howell and MacKay fails to teach or suggest at least (1), (2) and/or (3). Therefore, independent claim 16 is patentable over Deutscher et al. Moran et al., Howell and MacKay, or any combination thereof.

With respect to the rejection of dependent claims 17-24, 27 and 47, while continuing to traverse the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the art used by the Examiner in rejecting of these claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of these claims are rendered moot by the present amendments of the parent claim 16 and that all these claims are patentable by definition, by virtue of their dependence upon the patentable independent claim 16.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103 – Claims 25 and 26

The Examiner has rejected Claims 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Deutscher et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0001106A1) in view of Moran et al. (U.S. patent No. 5,717,879), Howell (U.S. patent No. 5,767,897), MacKay (U.S.

patent No. 5,767,897) and further in view of Robotham et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0039934). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of Applicants' amendments to independent claim 16 and further in view of the following arguments.

With respect to the rejection of dependent claims 25 and 26, while continuing to traverse the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the art used by the Examiner in rejecting of these claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of these claims are rendered moot by the present amendments of the parent claim 16 and that all these claims are patentable by definition, by virtue of their dependence upon the patentable independent claim 16.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103 – Claim 42

The Examiner has rejected Claims 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Deutscher et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0001106A1) in view of Moran et al. (U.S. patent No. 5,717,879), Howell (U.S. patent No. 5,767,897), MacKay (U.S. patent No. 5,767,897) and further in view of Land et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0039934A1). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of Applicants' amendments to independent claim 16 and further in view of the following arguments.

With respect to the rejection of dependent claim 42, while continuing to traverse the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the art used by the Examiner in rejecting of this claim, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of this claim is rendered moot by the present amendments of the parent claim 16 and that this claim is patentable by definition, by virtue of its dependence upon the patentable independent claim 16.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103 – Claims 4-15, 40, 41, 45 and 46

The Examiner has rejected Claims 4-15, 40, 41, 45 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Deutscher et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0001106A1)

in view of Land et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0039934A1) and further in view of Moran et al. (U.S. patent No. 5,717,879). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of Applicants' amendments to independent claims 4 and 9 and further in view of the following arguments.

Specifically, independent claims 4 and 9 have been amended generally similarly to independent claim 1. As stated above with respect to the rejection of claim 1, neither Deutscher et al. nor Moran et al. teach or suggest (1) hot-spots is associated with a particular media presentation device of a plurality of media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment where the media presentation is to be presented to one or more persons; (2) at least one of the plurality of media presentation devices selectable by a user by means of at least one of the multiple hot-spots; (3) the media presentation environment representation being operable to generate a preview of at least a portion of the media presentation based, at least in part, on selection of the least one of the plurality of media presentation devices by the user; and (4) media presentation environment representation indicating a positional arrangement of the plurality of media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment.

The Examiner uses Land et al. for the alleged teaching of a hyper-slide listing portion, which has no relation to the aforesaid lacking elements (1)-(4) above. While Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's assertion that Land et al. teaches the aforesaid hyper-slide, Applicants respectfully submit that Land et al. fails to teach any of the (1)-(4), and, therefore, fails to remedy the aforesaid deficiency of Deutscher et al. nor Moran et al. Therefore, the combination of Deutscher et al., Moran et al. and/or Land also fails to teach or suggest the elements (1)-(4) above and, therefore, the amended claims 4 and 9 are patentable over such combination.

With respect to the rejection of dependent claims 5-8, 10-15, 40, 41, 45 and 46, while continuing to traverse the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the art used by the Examiner in rejecting of these claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of these claims are rendered moot by the present amendments of the parent claims 4 and 9 and that all these claims are patentable by definition, by virtue of their dependence upon the patentable independent claim 4 and 9.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103 – Claims 28-38, 48 and 49

The Examiner has rejected Claims 28-38, 48 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Deutscher et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0001106A1) in view of Robotham et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0039934) and further in view of Moran et al. (U.S. patent No. 5,717,879). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of Applicants' amendments to independent claims 28, 32 and 36 and further in view of the following arguments.

Specifically, independent claims 28, 32 and 36 have been amended generally similarly to independent claim 1. As stated above with respect to the rejection of claim 1, neither Deutscher et al. nor Moran et al. teach or suggest (1) hot-spots is associated with a particular media presentation device of a plurality of media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment where the media presentation is to be presented to one or more persons; (2) at least one of the plurality of media presentation devices selectable by a user by means of at least one of the multiple hot-spots; (3) the media presentation environment representation being operable to generate a preview of at least a portion of the media presentation based, at least in part, on selection of the least one of the plurality of media presentation devices by the user; and

(4) media presentation environment representation indicating a positional arrangement of the plurality of media presentation devices in the real-life media presentation environment.

The Examiner uses Robotham et al. for the alleged teaching of a virtual environment, and not for the teaching of the elements (1)-(4) above. While Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's assertion that Land et al. teaches the aforesaid virtual environment, Applicants respectfully submit that Robotham et al. fails to teach any of the (1)-(4), and, therefore, fails to remedy the aforesaid deficiency of Deutscher et al. nor Moran et al. Therefore, the combination of Deutscher et al., Moran et al. and/or Robotham et al. also fails to teach or suggest the elements (1)-(4) above and, therefore, the amended claims 28, 32 and 36 are patentable over such combination.

With respect to the rejection of dependent claims 29-31, 33-35, 37-38, 48 and 49, while continuing to traverse the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the art used by the Examiner in rejecting of these claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of these claims are rendered moot by the present amendments of the parent claims 28, 32 and 36 and that all these claims are patentable by definition, by virtue of their dependence upon the patentable independent claim 28, 32 and 36.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103 – Claim 43

The Examiner has rejected Claim 43 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Deutscher et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0001106A1) in view of Robotham et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0039934), Moran et al. (U.S. patent No. 5,717,879) and further in view of Land et al. (U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0039934A1). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of Applicants' amendments to independent claim 36 and further in view of the following arguments.

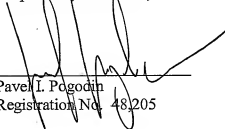
Specifically, with respect to the rejection of dependent claim 43, while continuing to traverse the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the art used by the Examiner in rejecting of this claim, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of this claim is rendered moot by the present amendments of the parent claim 36 and that this claim is patentable by definition, by virtue of its dependence upon the patentable independent claim 36.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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